



University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:04 P.M.

- Land Acknowledgment; Alison Schmitke
- Intro Remarks: Senate President Gerard Sandoval
 - Priorities for AY 2023-2024
 - Post-Affirmative Action climate – what aspects of the university will be impacted by this change and how. We will be inviting General Counsel Kevin Reed and Vice President for DEI Yvette Alex-Assensoh to brief the UO Senate on this topic at a future meeting.
 - Retention of faculty of color – currently a bit of a “revolving door” that we wish to address. Working with CoDAC, DEI and others on this issue.
 - University Service task force report recommendations – next steps. Which items will be implemented and how.
 - Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) – continue to rebuild our relationship with this organization (largely on hiatus during the pandemic). Made up of representatives from the public colleges and universities in Oregon.
- ASUO Updates; Chloe Webster
 - Junior, PPPM major, in the Honors College
 - 3 key priorities for AY 2023-2024
 - Engagement: Engage students to identify what kinds of support are needed. Several events are being planned: Street Fair, weekly coffee hour, etc.
 - Support: provide the kinds of resources students say they need.
 - Improvement: gather feedback on support/resources provided to determine what sorts of improvements can be made in those areas. Example: what do students need to improve overall 4-year graduation rates?
- Always available via email should folks have questions or feedback, etc. Reachable at asuopres@uoregon.edu.

Approval of the Minutes:

- [June 7, 2023](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

UO Pres Remarks:



University President Karl Scholz

- Recognize recent work of Course Approval task force to improve processes and provide clarity that supports faculty expertise and creates a more robust and engaging curriculum. Special thanks to Alison Schmitke for chairing this group.
- Reiterate one primary focus of new administration currently is to authentically listen to the various UO constituents and engage them in dialogue to identify key strategic priorities for moving the university forward.
- Initial thoughts regarding priorities include:
 - 4- and 6-year graduation rates
 - accurate advising
 - student mental health
 - career preparation for our students; foster a deeper sense of belonging for all students, faculty, staff to create a “culture of flourishing”
 - identify areas where the UO excels and what we can add to our portfolio (as no institution can be great at everything, it behooves us to refine our focus)
 - how the reputation for innovation, excellence and success of our Athletics Department might be leveraged to elevate the reputation and quality of the entire institution
- Launching a national search for a new permanent university provost
- Will be launching a search soon for a new Vice President for Student Life
- Move to Big 10: allows us to join the most stable and outstanding university athletic organization, access to amazing library collections and share resources (which also allows us to specialize more deeply in specific collections), course sharing across amazing institutions which will also increase collaboration and sharing among faculty, access to an academic leadership program that is phenomenal for those interested in becoming department heads, deans, etc. Ultimately, senior leadership has the sincere belief this is the right move for the UO.

New Business:

- [US23/24-01: New Program Proposal - Ed.S. in Educational Leadership](#); Sylvia Thompson (Special Education and Clinical Services), Julie Alonzo (Education Policy and Leadership)

Brief introduction and discussion of motion. Proposal will be brought back to the Senate at a future meeting for a vote.

- Updates:
 - Course Approval process implementation; Ron Bramhall
 - <https://provost.uoregon.edu/content/new-revised-courses>

For those individuals and units who would like a workshop, please contact Carolyn Vogt for more information. She is also hosting virtual drop-in hours on Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. via Zoom (please see the link above for more details).



- Course Attendance and Engagement policy; Ron Bramhall
 - <https://provost.uoregon.edu/course-attendance-and-engagement-policy-interpretation>
 - <https://provost.uoregon.edu/course-attendance-and-engagement-policy>
- Elect faculty senator to Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS)
 - Andiel Brown, School of Music and Dance
 - Pedro Garcia-Caro, Romance Languages
 - Self-nominations

Pedro Garcia-Caro elected. Andiel Brown will serve as an alternate.

Open Discussion: None

Reports: None

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary), Gerard Sandoval (Senate President), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Jana Prikryl, Kathy Stroud, Alison Schmitke (Senate VP), Peter Warnek, Erica Bornstein, Yoav Dubinsky, Ann Shaffer, Frances White, Micah Warren, Emily Beck, Beth Harn, Nick Sloss, Eleanor Vandegrift, David Cossotile, Kate Mills, Bjorn Smars, Dyana Mason, Bob Choquette, Harinder Khalsa, Pedro Garcia-Caro, James Schombert, Peng Lu, Melynda Casement, Lillian Duran, Stephen Rust, Melissa Bowers, Andiel Brown, Carrie McCurdy, Jay Butler, Won Kim, Jimmy Howard, Mohamed Mounir, Sara Mason, Anthony Hornof, Dayna Chatman, Jiabin Wu, Raoul Lievanos, Matthew Norton, Barbara Muraca

Excused: sdf

Absent: Kelli Matthews

Guests: Sam Schwartz, Aaron Gullickson, Ron Bramhall, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Jennifer Winters, Karl Scholz (UO President), Janet Woodruff-Borden, Jesse Summers, Julie Alonzo, Krista Parent, Chuck Triplett, Tim Inman, Maggie Bosworth, Chloe Webster (ASUO President)